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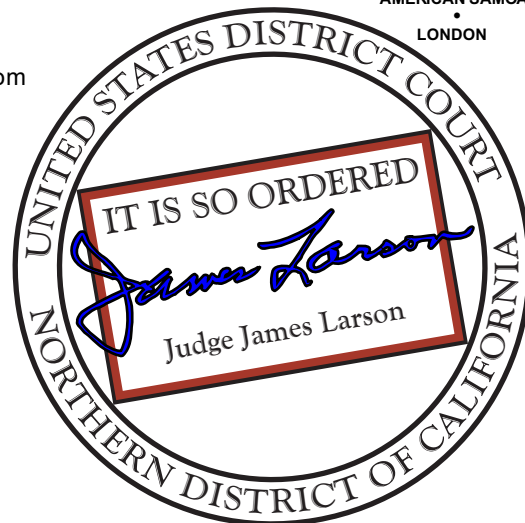
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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable James Larson  
United States District Court  
Northern District of California  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
Courtroom F, 15th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94102



Re: Luque v. United States of America, Case No. 05-2471 JSW (JL)

Dear Judge Larson:

In accordance with my conversation of today with Venice Thomas, the parties in the above-referenced matter respectfully request that the Settlement Conference, which has been set for February 15, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., be continued to March 24, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

The brief continuance is requested so that the parties may complete certain discovery before the conference, including the depositions of two of the Defendants' employees and Plaintiff's treating physician. It is expected that the employees will be deposed on March 1, 2006, and that the doctor's deposition will be completed in early March.

Please be advised that the parties will be submitting a Stipulation and [Proposed] Order to the Honorable Jeffrey S. White requesting that the deadline to conduct a settlement conference be continued from February 24 to March 24, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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